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Applicants comments have been given careful consideration. Substantial new limitations have been added to claims 1 and 7, largely mooted the earlier rejections.

The reply filed on January 9, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): 37 CFR 1.111 (b) requires a reply to an office action to "present arguments pointing out specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references" (emphasis supplied). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

There is virtually no discussion of <sup>why</sup> newly presented independent claims 24-26, are deemed by applicant to be patentable over the prior art of record. While it is somewhat open to interpretation what may constitute a sufficient response under 37 CFR 1.111(b), a response which fails to discuss any of the newly presented claims is clearly insufficient.

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